REMARKS:

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants submit that Claims 1-18 are allowable in light of the following changes.

Amended Claim 1, for example, describes a vehicle articulating roof rack system having a multipurpose activity frame, comprising a selectively movable portion of the articulating roof rack system operable between a stowed roof mounted position and a slideably and pivotally repositionable back end mounted position; a stationary top portion received by the selectively movable portion; and a rotatable bottom portion operable between a stowed vertical position and an open horizontal position received by the stationary top portion. It is clarified in amended Claim 1 how the activity frame is a part of the articulating roof rack system and how it is attached to the selectively movable portion of the articulating roof rack system.

Applicants submit that amended Claims 8 and 14 are also allowable in light of the above, as substantially the same language was added.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable and early action is therefore respectfully solicited.

Please use deposit account 06-1510 for any fees associated with this amendment.



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